

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs 1(a)-(b), Fig. 2, and Figs 6(a)-(b). These sheets, which include Figs. 1(a)-(d), Figs. 2(a)-(b), and Figs. 6(a)-(d), replaces the original sheets including Figs 1(a)-(b), Fig. 2, and Figs 6(a)-(b).

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action including restriction requirement mailed September 11, 2006, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants elect without traverse the species of FIG. 8, and identify the following claims as being readable thereon: claims 1-5, 10-18, and 23-27. Claims 6-9 and 19-22 not identified as being drawn to this species are accordingly withdrawn by this amendment, pending indication of the allowability of a generic claim.

Also in the latest office action, the Examiner objected to drawing figures 1, 5, and 6 for providing multiple views not separately labeled. The Examiner further requested Applicants provide an amendment of the specification in the form of a substitute specification, in order to conform the specification to the revised drawing figures.

Applicants understand the Examiner's objection to Figures 1 and 6, and have revised those figures to indicate Figs. 1(a)-(d) and 6(a)-(d) and the specification accordingly. Regarding the objection to Figure 5, Applicants maintain that the views have been correctly labeled as Figures 5(a) and (b). However, Applicants note that Figure 2 presents two separate views that are not separately labeled, and these have accordingly now been labeled as Figs. 2(a)-(b) and the specification revised to reflect this drawing change. Attached hereto are replacement drawings, and clean and marked up copies of a substitute specification referencing the amended drawings.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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